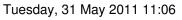
"You are just seeing a prevalence of storm related damage that hurts all of us rural/urban districts. If there is an opportunity to provide extra assistance, we may just have to do that to

cover the damage under existing programs there," said Rep. Peter Welch (D-Vt.)



Rep. Welch says there is likely help for towns, cities and public infrastructure that was damaged in the floods, and there may also be low interest loans available for private businesses that were impacted by the flood.

Governor Shumlin has already asked the President for federal help. That application is pending.